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SUBJECT: VIITS OF DOT OFFICIAL

1. FOR ALL ADDRESSE POSTS. MR. ALEXANDER FRENCH, CHIEF,
HIGHWAY STATISTICS DIVISION, DOT/FHWA WILL BE IN EUROPE
MAY 23-JUNE 19. HE WILL BE ATTENDING MEETING OF THE OECD
STEERING ROAD RESEARCH GROUP T-12 "ENERGY PROBLEMS AND
URBAN AND SUB-URBAN TRANSPORT" IN PARIS MAY 27-28.
FOLLOWING THAT HE WILL VISIT LONDON, PARIS, LONDON, AND
BONN FOR A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH LOCAL TRANSPORTATION
OFFICIALS. THESE MEETINGS ARE BEING ARRANGED BY THE
INTERNATIONAL ROAD FEDERATION, WHICH IS SPONSORING
MR. FRENCH'S TRIP. EMBASSY TRC OFFICERS WILL RECALL THE
DOT PROJECT TO DEVELOP INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAMS
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IN TRANSPORTATION R AND D, IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH NAS/TRB

TEAM VISITED EUROPE IN NOVEMBER 1974. IT REMAINS DOT'S INTENTION TO AVOID SUBMITTING PIECEMEAL COOPERATIVE PROPOSALS IN TRANSPORTATION ENERGY TO EUROPEAN MINISTRIES OF TRANSPORT, AND FOR THIS REASON DOT IS AWAITING RECEIPT OF FINAL TRB REPORT BEFORE SUBMITTING COOPERATIVE PROPOSALS TO EUROPEAN MINISTRIES. WHEN FORMAL PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION ARE SUBMITTED TO EUROPEANS, MR.FRENCH WILL HAVE KEY ROLE ON THE U.S. SIDE IN VIEW OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ENERGY DEMAND MONITORING AND FORECASTING. DOT WISHES TO

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE IN EUROPE TO INTRODUCE HIM TO CERTAIN EUROPEAN OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED LAST NOVEMBER WITH WHOM HE WILL BE WORKING ONCE COOPERATIVE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN AGREED. EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED BELOW EXPLAINING THAT WHILE DOT DOES NOT HAVE FORMAL COOPERATIVE PROPOSALS TO MAKE AT THIS TIME IT WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MR. FRENCH'S PRESENCE IN EUROPE TO HAVE HIM MEET THE OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE WILL BE WORKING LATER THIS YEAR ON TRANSPORTATION ENERGY MATTERS. THE APPOINTMENTS BEING ARRANGED IN EACH CITY BY THE IRF WILL NOT BE KNOWN TO FRENCH UNTIL HIS ARRIVAL IN EUROPE. APPOINTMENTS MADE BY EMBASSIES SHOULD THEREFORE BE TENTATIVE, AND AS INDICATED BELOW FRENCH, WILL TELEPHONE EMBASSIES APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN ORDER TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS.

2. FOR PARIS. REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH MASSNOU AT SAEI IN PERIOD JUNE 3-6. REQUEST ALSO RESERVATION MR/MRS. FRENCH AT HOTEL NICCOLO NIGHTS MAY 26-27. FRENCH WILL MAKE LATER PARIS HOTEL RESERVATIONS DURING HIS FIRST STAY AND WILL TELEPHONE MILLER MAY 27-28 TO CONFIRM MASSNOU APPOINTMENT.

3. FOR LONDON. REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH RUSHBROOK AND BILLINGTON AT DOE AND WITH JOHN TANNER AT TRRL DURING JUNE 9-11. PLEASE CONFIRM RESERVATIONS FOR MR/MRS. FRENCH AT HOLIDAY INN MARBLE ARCH NIGHTS MAY 28-29. FRENCH WILL TELEPHONE COLWELL MAY 29-30 TO CONFIRM DOE AND TRRL MEETINGS. FRENCH WILL ARRANGE JUNE HOTEL RESERVATIONS HIMSELF.

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4. FOR BONN. REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH GREVSM AHL/MOT DURING JUNE 16-18. FRENCH WILL TELEPHONE MONROE BETWEEN JUNE 2-6 TO CONFIRM BONN APPOINTMENT. REQUEST RESERVATIONS DOUBLE ROOM EMBASSY GUEST HOUSE FOR MR/MRS. FRENCH NIGHTS JUNE 12-19 (FRENCH IS TRAVELING ON USG TRAVEL ORDER). INGERSOLL

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